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On September 16, 1810 Miguel Hidalgo y Castillo, a man known as the Father of Mexico's Independence, initiated the fight for freedom as he made a cry, or grito, which sparked the beginning of Mexico's battle for independence from Spain. After a decade of war, the anniversary of this major event beginning in 1825, is celebrated as Mexican Independence Day.

Nearly two centuries later, led by the Díez y Seis de Septiembre Commission, San Antonio continues to celebrate that historic day. Celebrating its 20th Anniversary, the Commission was established by Mayor Wolff on June 16, 1994. Through its vision and leadership, various cultural events, children and senior citizen programs, and educational endeavors take place throughout the month of September. Each event is created to promote an understanding of the historical significance of Mexico's day of independence.

This calendar presents an exciting program filled with diverse and educational festivities for families to observe in celebration of the anniversary of Mexico's Independence from Spain.



2014  
CALENDAR OF  
EVENTS

SEPTEMBRE  
DE  
COMMISSION

16  
SAN ANTONIO



## JOIN US ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE FIESTAS PATRIAS



**SAN ANTONIO**  
**16**  
 **DE**   
**SEPTIEMBRE**  
**COMMISSION**



CULTURA  
Y  
TRADICIÓN



**20 YEARS OF** 



The logo for the San Antonio 16 de Septiembre Commission. It features a red outline of the state of Texas at the top. Below it, the words "SAN ANTONIO" are written in a red, serif, all-caps font. Underneath that, the number "16" is displayed in a large, bold, green, sans-serif font. Below the number, the words "DE" and "SEPTIEMBRE" are written in a green, serif, all-caps font, separated by five small, gold-colored fleur-de-lis symbols. At the bottom, the word "COMMISSION" is written in a red, serif, all-caps font.

# 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS





This year, the City of San Antonio’s Diez y Seis Commission will celebrate its 20th Anniversary. For many years, the Commission has planned and coordinated several events held throughout the city in celebration of Diez y Seis de Septiembre. Below is a list of events scheduled to take place this year.



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
**PRESS CONFERENCE**  
**10:30 AM, Plaza Juarez, 418 Villita Street**

A press conference will be held to kick-off Diez y Seis. **This event is open and free to the public.**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
**BRAVO! MI CULTURA DIEZ Y SEIS PERFORMANCE**  
**8:00 PM, Arneson River Theater, 418 Villita Street**

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department presents BRAVO! MI CULTURA DIEZ Y SEIS! Come enjoy an evening of cultural dance selections, highlighting local talent and young dancers from the SA Parks and Recreation Department’s Dance Programs. Dance numbers include Spanish Flamenco and Mexican Folklórico. **For more information call (210) 207-3132. FREE**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
**PARADE & FESTIVAL**  
**9:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Plaza Guadalupe, 1327 Guadalupe Street**

In celebration of Mexico’s Independence Day, the Avenida Guadalupe Association welcomes San Antonio communities and visitors to participate in the 33rd Annual 16 de Septiembre Celebration. The day begins at 9:00 a.m. with a drill team competition, followed by an 11:00 a.m. parade that marches right through the heart of the historic Westside and ends at the Plaza Guadalupe. The plaza will then become home to a variety of festivities, food booths, live entertainment, and music. **FREE Admission. For more information call (210) 223-3151 or visit [avenidaguadalupe.org](http://avenidaguadalupe.org).**

**UNA NOCHE EN LA GLORIA (One Night of Glory)**  
**Contemporary Art In The Cultural Zone**  
**4:30 PM – 11:30 PM, Guadalupe Street at Brazos Street**

This event features “Runway en la Calle”, fine art exhibitions in the street, artisan vendors, and performances from Latino music greats. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. **Free Admission. For more information call (210) 823-6382 or email at [lagloriaarts@gmail.com](mailto:lagloriaarts@gmail.com). Visit [lagloriaarts.com](http://lagloriaarts.com)**

**SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**WILLIE VELASQUEZ READING**  
**3:00-6:00 PM, Las Palmas Library 515 Castroville Road**

Barbara Renaud, author of The Boy Made of Lightning, will present her interactive book with a questions and answers session. **FREE. For more information contact Servando Pena at [servando.pena@sanantonio.gov](mailto:servando.pena@sanantonio.gov) or visit [mysapl.org](http://mysapl.org)**

**NOCHE AZUL DE ESPERANZA: CANCIONES DE MI TIERRA**  
**8:00 PM, Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, 922 San Pedro Ave, SA, TX 78212**

The concert, Canciones de Mi Tierra, will highlight songs from all regions of Mexico. Azul, is a singer/songwriter/musician originally from Mexico City who now lives in San Antonio. She performs traditional Mexican and Latin American songs to conserve and develop the folk music that she was first introduced to as a child. Through the rhythms and stories of previous generations, Azul rejoices in her Mexican roots and gives life and meaning to the narratives of Latin American history by highlighting the many cultural influences and interconnections between Latin America, Africa, Spain and Mexico. **FEE \$5. Contact Itza Carbajal or Graciela Sanchez, 210-228-0201 or email at [esperanza@esperanzacenter.org](mailto:esperanza@esperanzacenter.org)**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FIESTA PATRIAS AT HISTORIC MARKET SQUARE,**  
**Saturday: Noon – 11:00 PM; Sunday: Noon – 10:00 PM, 514 Commerce Street**  
**SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION AT NOON**

Join LULAC Council 648 in celebrating Fiestas Patrias at Market Square. This year, LULAC has partnered with the Robert “Pikin” Quiroga ROQ and RIDE Committee to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of this World Champion Hispanic Boxing Leader. The event features a youth leadership pep-rally, a motorcycle caravan, and special events showcasing San Antonio’s young talent. Don’t miss out on free t-shirts and a chance to win a bike. Come and enjoy two days of entertainment, delicious “antojitos,” Mariachis, Folklorico Groups and other great artist; Tejano, Norteno, Conjuntos and oldies groups. Exhibit booths with free give-aways will be present all day Saturday and Sunday. Proceeds to benefit scholarships for college bound students. **FREE. For more information contact: Mary Jane Esquivel at 210 260-1621 or visit [RobertQuiroga.net](http://RobertQuiroga.net).**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**MASS**  
**8:00 AM, San Fernando Cathedral, 115 Main Plaza**

A special mass for the San Antonio Diez y Seis Commission is held at San Fernando Cathedral at 8:00 a.m

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ART DISPLAY: SAN ANTO CULTURAL ARTS**  
**Daily, during regular operating hours, Memorial Library 3222 Culebra**

Celebrating Hispanic Artist, San Anto Cultural Arts – a local Westside non-profit arts organization, donates a 15 piece art display from September 15 through October 15 at Memorial Library. **FREE. For more information contact Servando Pena at [servando.pena@sanantonio.gov](mailto:servando.pena@sanantonio.gov) or visit [mysapl.org](http://mysapl.org)**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SENIOR KERMES**  
**9:00 AM, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A, 200 E Market Street**

In collaboration with the City’s Department of Human Services Senior Services Division, the Diez y Seis Commission hosts a celebration for seniors. The event features food, mariachi music and contests for regional costumes and table decorations. **This event is free, although restricted to seniors who are members of the City’s Senior Nutrition Program. For more information call (210) 207-7172.**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**DIA DE LOS NIÑOS – CULTURE, HEALTH, AND FITNESS EVENT**  
**10:00 AM, La Villita, 418 Villita Street**

This all day event celebrates the historical significance of Mexico’s Independence from Spain through culture, health and fitness endeavors. Also known as Dia de los Niños, this event celebrates the vibrancy and wellness of children, families, and youth. Come and enjoy a variety of healthy activities such as zumba, basketball, and soccer; or participate in a family friendly artistic workshop. There will be art vendors, health and wellness informational tables, food demos by Walmart, and more. **For more information call (210) 207-5951. FREE.**

**MARIACHI CONCERT**  
**5:30 PM, Arneson River Theatre, 418 Villita Street**

This evening event features middle and high school mariachi groups from San Antonio and surrounding Texas cities. Groups include Ben Bolt High School Mariachi Azul y Plata, Ben Bolt Middle School Mariachi Juvenil Azul y Plata, Somerset High School Mariachi Azul Real and Middle School Mariachi Azul del Cielo from South Texas and local groups such as Austin Academy Mariachi Los Tigres and Brackenridge High School Mariachi Aguila. Groups are awarded a stipend to go towards their respective mariachi programs and to encourage cultural education through music and the arts. **For more information, call (210) 207-5951. FREE**

**GUADALUPE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER DANCE COMPANY**

The Mariachi Concert includes special dance performances from the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center (GCAC) Dance Company. Celebrating its 23rd year, the Dance Company preserves and promotes traditional Mexican Folklórico and Flamenco dance. GCAC Dance Academy offers dance classes for all ages and levels. **For more information, call (210) 271-3151 or visit [www.guadalupeculturalarts.org](http://www.guadalupeculturalarts.org).**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
**THEY ANSWERED THE CALL**  
**6:30-8:00 PM, Parman Library, 20735 Wilderness Oak**

Gil Dominguez, author of They Answered the Call: Latinos in the Vietnam War, and a panel of Latino Veterans will discuss their experience during the Vietnam War. **For more information contact Servando Pena at [servando.pena@sanantonio.gov](mailto:servando.pena@sanantonio.gov) or visit [mysapl.org](http://mysapl.org). FREE.**

**Additional dates and locations for this event:**

**September 30th at 6:30-8:00pm, Guerra Library, 7978 Military Drive West**  
**October 11th at 12:00-1:30pm, Carver Library, 3350 E. Commerce**  
**October 16th at 6:30-8:00 pm, Mission Library, 3134 Roosevelt Avenue**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**  
**BRAVO! LATINO! MUSICAL PERFORMANCE**  
**8:00 PM, Arneson River Theater, 418 Villita Street**  
**\$10 Suggested donation for general seating**

In celebration of Fiestas Patrias, the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department presents BRAVO! LATINO!, an evening of music selections presenting local teen talent from the Take Note Band and guest artists and music students. This performance will include songs and compositions of Latin Jazz and Rock with influences from Spanish and African indigenous sources. **For more information call (210)-207-3132.**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FLAMENCO FEST 2014**  
**Evening and Matinee Performance**  
**723 S. Brazos St., Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center**

Pay homage to Hispanic Heritage month with a journey through unforgettable musica and arte of Flamenco with San Antonio’s Flamenco Fest 2014. This Two-Day celebration features the work of highly regarded dance companies to include SA Parks and Recreation Flamenco Dance Program, The Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center Dance Company, and other special guests in conjunction with Colectiva Arts and Culture. **Tickets \$15-\$30. For more information contact Joel Settles at (210) 440-2753 or [joelsettles@gmail.com](mailto:joelsettles@gmail.com). Also visit [www.lacolectiva.org](http://www.lacolectiva.org).**